

BellSouth's claim is that because their own affiliated ISP service already controls a huge majority of the market, squashing the rest of the competition isn't likely to impact the market much.

Just because they have managed to squash most of their competition is no reason or excuse to allow them to engage in predatory pricing to drive the rest of their competition out of business. If you grant their petition, this will *certainly* happen.

Many consumers use alternate ISP services because the local monopoly telco doesn't offer high quality services. If you grant this petition, the telco will engage in predatory pricing until consumers will no longer have ANY choice for high quality broadband.

The highways to one's property are open to anyone, the service lines (for phone, cable, power) to one's home should be similarly available to all companies that want to offer to deliver services (power, internet access, video, etc.) to the home.